

16 August 1955

James J. Slattery
Attorney at Law
Investment Building
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mr. Slattery:

This is in reply to your letter of March 24, 1955, in regard to an accident involving a Diamond Taxi Cab operated by Mr. Carl P. [REDACTED] and owned by [REDACTED] and a Ford Bus, Tag No. US 2815 FH, owned by the United States Government as represented by the Central Intelligence Agency and operated by [REDACTED] an employee of this Agency.

FOIAb6
FOIAb6
FOIAb6
25X1A9a

A review of the circumstances surrounding the accident indicates that the Agency bus had stopped at a regular bus stop on the single lane one-way road behind temporary Building K and was just beginning to proceed when it was struck by the taxi cab which had pulled off the road on to a grass area in an attempt to pass the bus and was cutting back on to the road at the time of the accident. Agency busses, in making their prescribed run, must stop on the roadway to load and unload passengers. Other traffic must stop and wait for the bus to proceed inasmuch as there is not room for two lanes of traffic on the road. It is therefore our view that [REDACTED] in pulling off the road to pass the bus, was negligent and his negligence was directly responsible for the accident. Accordingly, we must deny [REDACTED] claim for damages and make formal demand upon him as the owner of the vehicle whose operator was at fault for payment of the cost of repairs to the Government vehicle in the amount of \$15.00. We would appreciate prompt receipt of a check payable to the order of the Treasurer of the United States.

FOIAb6
FOIAb6

Very truly yours,

25X1A9a

[REDACTED]
Office of General Counsel

OGC:JDM:ss

Subject
Signer
Chrono